

**TABLE 11-22. CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUTH WHO RECEIVED AN INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICE AND SERVICE(S) RECEIVED, FY2011**

Based on data for "Served Youth" from the National Youth in Transition Database, n = 98,561

Data Element	Description <sup>Error! Reference source not found.</sup>	Number and Percentage
<b>Demographics</b>		
Age	The range of ages of youth receiving services during the reporting period.	14-16: 25,683 (26.1%) 17-18: 41,192 (41.8%) 19-20: 22,698 (23.0%) 21-26: 6,811 (6.9%)
Median Age and Average Age	The median age and average age of youth receiving services during the reporting period.	Median Age: 18 Average Age: 18
Sex	Youth who are male or female.	Male: 46,969 (47.7%) Female: 50,998 (51.7%)
Race/Ethnicity	Youth self-identifies, or is identified by a family member as a member of racial group. Youth self-identifies, or is identified by a family member, as Hispanic or Latino. (Youth or family member may select all that apply.)	American Indian or Alaska Native: 1,688 (1.7%) Asian: 919 (0.9%) Black or African American: 30,742 (31.2%) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: 468 (0.5%) Hispanic (of any race): 19,388 (19.7%) White: 40,482 (41.1%) Unknown/Declined: 931 (0.9%) Two or More Races: 3,943 (4.0%)
Foster Care Status	Youth was in foster care at any point during the reporting period.	70,575 (71.6%)
Federally Recognized Tribe	Youth was enrolled in or eligible for membership in a federally recognized tribe.	5,691 (5.8%)
Adjudicated Delinquent	"Adjudicated delinquent" means that a federal or state court has ever adjudicated the youth as a juvenile delinquent.	15,848 (16.1%)
Educational Level	Youth's highest educational level	Postsecondary education or training college (at least one semester): 9,416 (9.6%) 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 17,284 (17.5%) Less than 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 68,065 (69.1%)
Special Education Status	Youth received special education instruction during the reporting period.	19,947 (20.2%)
<b>Service Elements</b>		
Multiple Services	Youth received 3 or more independent living services.	55,573 (56.4%)
Independent Living Needs Assessment	Youth received an independent living needs assessment during the reporting period.	42,177 (42.8%)
Academic Support	Youth received services that can help him/her complete high school or obtain a general equivalency degree (GED).	43,846 (44.4%)

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Post-Secondary Educational Support	Youth received post-secondary educational support, including services that help a youth enter or complete college.	24,333 (24.7%)
Career Preparation	Youth received career preparation services that develop a youth's ability to find, apply for, and retain appropriate employment.	37,879 (38.4%)
Employment Programs or Vocational Training	Youth received vocational preparation services designed to build a youth's skills for a specific trade, vocation, or career through classes or on-site training.	20,254 (20.5%)
Budget and Financial Management	Youth received budget and financial management services related to budget and financial independent living skills, including education and practice in budgeting, banking, consumer awareness, information about credit, loans, and taxes.	33,997 (34.4%)
Housing Education and Home Management Training	Youth received housing education and home management training, including instruction and support services to locate and maintain housing, understand tenant and landlord responsibilities, and acquire home management skills.	36,365 (36.9%)
Health Education and Risk Prevention	Youth received health education on health-related topics (but not direct receipt of health services), including the benefits of preventive care, fitness, nutrition, and risk prevention.	35,867 (36.4%)
Family Support and Healthy Marriage Education	Youth received health education on maintaining healthy families, including parenting and childcare skills, spousal communication, family violence prevention, and responsible fatherhood.	30,030 (30.5%)
Mentoring	Youth received programs or services in which the youth met regularly with a screened and trained adult on a one-on-one basis.	17,262 (7.5%)
Supervised Independent Living	Youth received supervised independent living under the supervision of an agency, but the youth was not supervised 24 hours a day. Youth often provided with increased responsibilities, such as paying bills and assuming leases.	10,300 (10.5%)
Room and Board Financial Assistance	Youth received room and board assistance, including rent deposit, utilities, and other household start-up expenses.	13,947 (14.2%)
Education Financial Assistance	Youth received financial assistance for education or training, including for textbooks, uniforms, and other education supplies; tuition assistance, scholarships; payments for educational preparation and support services; and payment for GED and other educational tests. This includes vouchers for tuition or vocational education or tuition waivers.	22,309 (22.6%)
Other Financial Assistance	State will report any other type of financial assistance that the CFCIP agency provides to a youth in order to help the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency.	27,600 (28.0%)

**Source:** Table prepared Congressional Research Service for the 2012 version of the House Ways and Means Committee Green Book, based on information provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, September 2012.

**Notes:** Data were reported as of June 18, 2012 and submitted by 50 of 52 jurisdictions (50 states, DC and PR) that receive funding under the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP). "Served youth" refer to those youth who received an independent living service paid for or provided by the state during the fiscal year. Some data were missing for each element or the data were in error, and therefore the number of youth does not total 98,561 and the percentage does not total to 100% in those categories that have multiple variables (i.e., age, educational level).

For a full description of each data element, see U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, "Chafee National Youth in Transition Database," 73 *Federal Register* 10338, February 26, 2008.